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## GENERAL INFORMATION

Stop by the park office for more details on this area, to buy a park entry, hunting or fishing permit, or for info on local services, attractions or activities.

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## OFFICE HOURS

8 a.m.-9 p.m. daily Memorial weekend - Labor Day.  
8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday the rest of the year.

Reservations and park permits available online at:

[www.outdoornebraska.org](http://www.outdoornebraska.org)

If you do not have access to the Internet, reservations for camping and cabins can be made by calling (402) 944-2703 or (308) 665-2912, (9 a.m. 6 p.m. CT). Web reservations are available 24 hours, 7 days a week. Year to date reservations begin at 9 a.m. CT. *Reserve your fun today!*

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# NEBRASKA'S LEWIS & CLARK State Recreation Area

including

## Weigand- Burbach Bloomfield / Miller Creek South Shore / Deep Water Areas



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Nebraska's second largest lake, Lewis and Clark straddles the states northeast border with South Dakota, and is located about 7 miles north of Crofton on NE Hwy 121. The lake stretches for some 35 miles at maximum pool, with 90 miles of shoreline. Maximum depth is 45 feet. It draws its name from the Lewis and Clark Expedition, the members of which camped nearby on their epic journey to explore the Louisiana Purchase.

This Nebraska Game and Parks Commission state recreation area includes five areas on the south side of the lake – Weigand-Burbach, Miller Creek, Bloomfield, South Shore and Deep Water. Niobrara State Park is located upstream near the confluence of the Missouri and Niobrara rivers. Bazile Creek Wildlife Management Area is near the river about midway between the upper lake and Niobrara park.

Development on the recreation area began in 1957, not long after the dam was closed. In 1997, a complete overhaul of the Weigand-Burbach area was completed at a cost of some \$3 million.

## Weigand-Burbach Area

Exceptional facilities are available at this major area on the Nebraska side of the lake. Once two separate areas, they are now connected. The area headquarters is here. Facilities include:

- Housekeeping cabins open year-round. (reservations recommended)
- Full-service marina with seasonal dock rentals and short-term (15-30 min.) courtesy docks.
- 24-hour gas service dock (MasterCard or Visa).
- Convenience store with supplies, groceries, bait, tackle, permits and snacks.
- Two Boat ramps and boat pump-out station.
- Modern camping – 150 paved pads with 30/50 amp electrical hookups, pull-through sites, dump station; reservations available for 83 sites.
- Tent camping with 8 sites available for reservation.
- Swimming beach.
- Picnic shelter (may be reserved for a fee).
- Modern restrooms and showers.
- Fish cleaning station.
- Pay telephone.
- Playgrounds.

## Bloomfield

This area offers 36 camping pads with 30 amp electrical hookups and group camping. There are both modern and primitive restroom facilities. A boat ramp offers lake access.

## South Shore

This area is only an access point to the lake and has a parking area. Day use only, no camping.

## Miller Creek

Primitive camping area with access point to the lake. Boat ramp and primitive restroom facilities available. This area has a hiking trail that overlooks Lewis and Clark campsites of September 1st and September 2nd, 1804.

## Deep Water

This area is only an access point with a parking area. It is not the place to be in rainy weather, since the road is extremely steep and virtually impassable when wet.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

Modern housekeeping cabins are situated on the lakeshore, offering a spectacular view of the lake and the bluffs. Each cabin has two bedrooms with a maximum occupancy of eight. Sleeping arrangements consist of 1 queen bed and two sets of bunk beds with a lower queen bunk. Cabins sleep seven. Cabins are equipped with linens, towels, stove, refrigerator, coffeepot, toaster, microwave, and kitchen service for eight. Visitors can enjoy the scenic vistas from the covered patio with a picnic table, outdoor grill and campfire ring. All cabins are smoke-free.

Reservations may be made up to one year in advance and require payment in full at the time the reservation is made. Additional information is available in the annual "Reservation and Fee" information pamphlet, or contact the park for details.

## FISHING & HUNTING

There is great fishing available at Lewis and Clark Lake for a variety of species – walleye, sauger, largemouth and smallmouth bass, bluegill, crappie, and catfish.

Look for all these species around the jetties at the Weigand-Burbach area. A number of these jetties were installed to improve habitat and fishing opportunities.

In February-March, there can be good opportunities for largemouth and smallmouth bass at the upper end of the lake. At the same time, the chutes and backwaters around Niobrara produce good fishing for walleye, sauger, northern pike and smallmouth bass.

There is good walleye fishing in May and June off the flats at Weigand Creek and for channel catfish along the bluff shoreline along the old river channel casting and trolling crankbaits.

Later in the summer the action increases for catfish, sauger and walleye at the west end, where the river runs into the lake. In late summer anglers can also look for schools of shad to lead them to some good white bass fishing.

Hunting is allowed, in season, on Lewis and Clark SRA, beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day, except that the Weigand-Burbach area is closed to all hunting. There is some good sport for white-tailed deer, mourning dove, waterfowl and wild turkey. Of course, the lake offers good opportunity for waterfowl hunting. Action can be good on cottontail and squirrels.



## CAMPING & BOATING

Camping facilities are excellent at Lewis and Clark SRA, which has been an extremely popular area with campers and boaters for a long time. RVers will find some choice new facilities, complete with 30/50 amp electrical hookups. Camping fees are charged at all areas, ranging from minimum costs for the primitive areas to full fees for the modern campgrounds. Showers are located at the Weigand-Burbach area.

Lake boating covers the gamut from pontoons to high-powered speedboats to personal watercraft (PWC). In that portion of the spillway and tailrace of Gavins .

Point designated as the Tailwaters Area, speed in excess of 5 mph is prohibited and the speed of all vessels must be reduced so the wash and wake will cause no discomfort, hazard, injury or damage to persons, vessels or property. The following areas are closed to all boating: (1) that part of the tailrace at the powerhouse from the draft tube deck downstream to the barrier cable (320 feet), (2) that part of the spillway discharge channel downstream for 450 feet while buoyed off, and (3) those areas upstream and downstream from the powerhouse draft tube intakes and outlets marked by buoys, signs or both.

## WILDLIFE

Lewis and Clark is a prime area for bird watchers, especially for bald eagles. A checklist of birds in the area is available. Although prepared for Niobrara State Park, the same species could potentially be sighted around the lake. Alert visitors can also spot wild turkeys, deer, coyotes, and a variety of small mammals.

## REMINDERS

A valid Nebraska park entry permit is required on all state park areas, including all areas at Lewis and Clark Lake SRA.

Alcoholic beverages are not permitted on the recreation area. Fires are limited to the facilities provided, except that portable grills may be used. Always remember to use care with fire.

Dogs must be on a leash at all times, and other household pets must be restrained.

Be safe not sorry – wear your life jacket whenever you are on the water.

## WINTER ACTIVITIES

When the ice is sufficient, the lake is open to ice-fishing, skating, and snowmobiling. Snowmobilers can also use area roads but must stay out of other areas. Cross-country skiing is becoming popular.

## POINTS OF INTEREST

Nearby Niobrara State Park offers cabins, camping, horseback trail rides, river raft trips, hiking and much more.

The Corps of Engineers operates Gavins Point Dam, the power generation plant, and the Lewis and Clark Visitor Center. The National Fish Hatchery on the north side of the dam offers a closeup look at a variety of species and how they are raised.

Crofton has an intriguing historic hotel and restaurant, Lakeview Golf Course, as well as an array of services including gas, groceries, and bait.



# Lewis and Clark Lake SRA

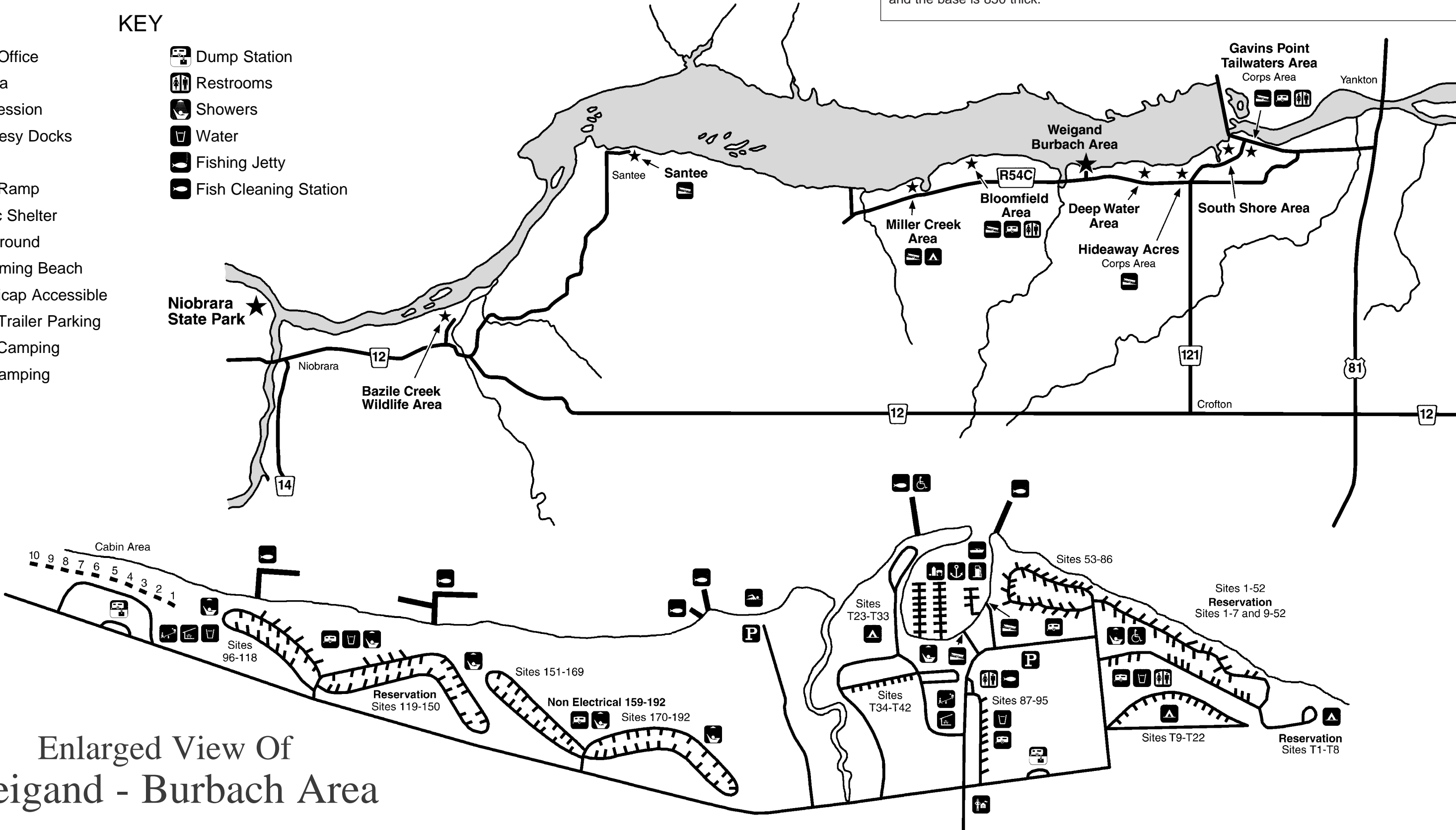
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## GAVINS POINT DAM

Construction began on Gavins Point Dam in 1952 and was completed in 1957 at a cost of \$51 million. It is part of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Pick-Sloan Project. The last of six dams in the upper Missouri River main stem system, water released from upstream reservoirs is stored here for production of hydroelectric power. The dam also controls flows on the open river to St. Louis, MO, enhancing navigation and minimizing bank erosion. It is rolled earth-chalk fill and stands 74 feet high with a length of 8,700 feet. Top width is 35 feet, and the base is 850 thick.

### KEY

-  Park Office
-  Marina
-  Concession
-  Courtesy Docks
-  Gas
-  Boat Ramp
-  Picnic Shelter
-  Playground
-  Swimming Beach
-  Handicap Accessible
-  Boat Trailer Parking
-  Tent Camping
-  RV Camping
-  Dump Station
-  Restrooms
-  Showers
-  Water
-  Fishing Jetty
-  Fish Cleaning Station



Enlarged View Of  
Weigand - Burbach Area